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GMIC vs. SEC and JIC

22 December 1955


MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Director's Memorandum to the Secretary of Defense on the Guided Missile Committee, dated 20 December 1955

Colonel Arthur representing General Quither, Department of the Army, would like to substitute the following in Paragraph 2, Sentence 2, and TAB A, Paragraph 6, Sentence 2, of the above memorandum:

"The Army, Navy, and Joint Staff members indicate their opposition to such a committee as being an unnecessary duplication of the coordinating mechanism and the committee which already exists within the Joint Intelligence Committee structure of the JCS, in which all appropriate national agencies are invited to participate. Further, it is their view that the President's directed high priority emphasis on US guided missiles development in the Department of Defense, requires that the intelligence effort on this weapon be directly responsive to Defense planning, development and research. They feel that the Scientific Estimates Committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, as presently constituted, can coordinate this subject adequately to meet other national requirements."

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